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Prepare for Success

Prepare for Success is a local school-supply drive started 17 years ago to ensure that Howard County students head back to school with the tools they need to excel.

There are more than 12,000 students in Howard County who qualify for free and reduced meals. The retail cost of basic school supplies (\$60–\$80 per student) presents a financial burden for many of these kids' families. Prepare for Success aims to cut that cost and play an important role in eliminating the achievement gap. Having the right school supplies is a critical first step to help a student achieve higher literacy levels, improve academic performance, and graduate. It allows schools to focus on what they do best.

Here is a list of needed supplies:

- backpacks
- 3-hole lined paper
- highlighters
- colored pencils
- marble composition books
- pocket folders
- plastic pencil boxes
- 2" 3-ring binders
- glue sticks
- #2 pencils
- 1-subject spiral notebooks



Supplies can be dropped off between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at all village center offices from now through August 18. More details can be found at www.prepareforsuccess.org.

Greetings

Warm summer nights, CA events, ways to enjoy the environment and make a difference, what could be better? Enjoy the week!

May Kay

The heART of Columbia Exhibit

Enjoy a special art exhibit devoted to Columbia's 50th birthday! [The heART of Columbia exhibit](#) runs through July 17 at The Rouse Company Foundation Gallery at Howard Community College. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily.



Columbia Archives, in collaboration with Howard Community College, has gathered artifacts, photographs, documents and ephemera from a number of arts organizations that collectively tell the story of the importance of the arts to building the Columbia community. The exhibit

begins with the commitment of The Rouse Company to provide a music venue and public art, how that continues to evolve and then highlights the growth of organizations such as Howard County Poetry and Literature Society, Columbia Center of Theatrical Arts, Toby's Dinner Theatre, Columbia Orchestra and the African American Museum of Art and the Faithful Quilters who created a Columbia quilt that Jim Rouse bought and became part of his personal collection.

Jim Rouse believed in bringing art to the community and providing a platform for artists. The story of Merriweather, public art, and the cultivation of arts organizations speaks to the achievement of Rouse's belief.

Let's Fill the Shelves at Howard County's Food Bank

During the school year, many families rely on free and reduced meals at school to help feed their kids. This means that summer can be a difficult and scary time for families don't have access to enough food and it doesn't have to be that way.

You can help today. Here are two ways:

[Donate online](#). Monetary donations go towards perishable items (milk, eggs and meat) and non-perishable items at a deep discount from wholesalers.

[Donate food](#). Food donations can be dropped off at the Food Bank (9385 Gerwig Lane, Ste J, Columbia 20146) from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

River Romp

Come celebrate summer by cooling off at the nature center with an afternoon at the Middle Patuxent River! Bring your own picnic and join a Robinson Naturalist at the river for lunch followed by fun, family-friendly river games. Search the stream for big and small animals! Make boats and race them downstream! Come dressed to get wet.

Who: All ages

When: July 16, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Where: Robinson Nature Center (6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia)

Price: \$6 per person or \$25 per family

To register, call 410-313-0400 or visit their [website](#).

Columbia Association Kids Triathlon

CA's Kids Triathlon takes place on Sunday, July 23, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in Hickory Ridge. The swim takes place in Clemens Crossing Pool's outdoor pool. The bike course is a two mile loop along the rolling hills of the village. The run course is flat and fast along a combination of sidewalk, paved path and grass with a cross country style finish. Please exercise extreme

caution while driving on July 23 and if you are able, plan your day around the biking and running portion of this event. Keep these young athletes safe! For more information, visit the [event page](#).



Calling all volunteers! The Kid's Triathlon is looking for volunteers to supervise this event. If you are interested and are available on Sunday July 23 from 7:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. please consider this opportunity to give back to the children and allow them to have their day at the races, too. For more information and to register as a volunteer, visit [this page](#).

Teen Open Mic Nights Tuesdays

On July 18 and 25 and August 1, teens have a chance to show off their musical talent and perform at the lakefront. Sign-up starts at 6:45 p.m. on a first come, first served basis. Sorry, no bands with drum sets. For more information, email the [Columbia Association](#).

Bikeshare Program

Have you tested out the new bikeshare bicycles yet? Howard County has unveiled 7 new bikeshare stations at the hospital,



Howard Community College, One Merriweather, The Mall of Columbia, the Lakefront, Oakland Mills Village Center, and Blandair Park. This is public transit on your schedule. Grab a bike, go for a ride, give it back;

it's that simple. Each ride costs \$2 for the first 45 minutes, or you can buy different passes for a discounted price based off of your riding needs. For more information, visit the [Bikeshare's website](#).

Grassroots Immediate Needs

Grassroots Crisis Center is sharing the list of items that are needed this month:

In the Kitchen:

- Large size apple and grape juice
- Snack foods for after school (puddings, apple sauce, granola bars, canned fruit, chips, capri sun drinks etc.)
- Ground Coffee for Automatic Drip Coffeemakers
- Canned soups and microwavable meals
- Sugar, Spenda, and coffee creamer

In the Shelter:

- Hypo-allergenic baby wipes (for our newborn)
- Sunscreen
- Diapers (Size 3)
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Clorox or Lysol Wipes
- Laundry detergent and bleach
- Body Wash (Full Size)
- Deodorant for men and women

To see a full list of items Grassroots needs or to make a monetary donation, visit [their website](#). Items can be dropped off any time at their main location at 6700 Freetown Road in Columbia. For any other types of items please contact the shelter office at 410-531-6006 or e-mail to jenny@grassrootscrisis.org.

Question Persuade Refer Training

Join experts at the Savage Library on July 15 from 10:30 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. to learn more about suicide prevention and how you can help someone in need. In this hour and a half training, you will learn how to recognize the warning signs of a person in a suicide crisis ("question"), suggest that the person seek support ("persuade") and connect the person to local resources ("refer"). Anyone can take this simple free course and learn how to refer someone in a suicide crisis for help. For more information on this training go to the [QPR Institute's website](#).

CA Lakefront Movie Series

Pack a picnic, grab your family and enjoy Monday and Friday summer nights by watching free screenings of your favorite movies at the Lakefront. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m. each night; don't miss out! Here are the next 10 feature films:

Friday, July 14	Guardian's of the Galaxy: Vol. One
Monday, July 17	Pete's Dragon
Friday, July 21	Captain America: Civil War
Monday, July 24	Finding Dory
Friday, July 28	La La Land
Monday, July 31	The Little Mermaid
Friday, August 4	Hidden Figures
Monday, August 7	The Princess and the Frog
Friday, August 11	The Lego Batman Movie
Monday, August 14	The Secret Life of Pets

Bubble Days at the Maryland Science Center

The sudsiest spectacle of the summer returns for its 12th year at the Maryland Science Center! Get ready for two days bursting with fun, July 15 & 16.



Make your own bubble wands and solution at the bubble factory, swim through a sea of bubbles, blow the biggest bubblegum bubble (winner takes home a prize), and more fun that's sure to bubble up as the day goes on.

World-renowned bubble artist Casey Carle will even be here to perform his suds-tacular Bubblemania show at 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. You won't believe your eyes when you see the shapes and sizes of bubbles that Casey creates!

National Night Out

Mark your calendars for National Night Out on August 1, starting at 6:00 p.m. This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while fostering a true sense of community.



The kick-off event will be held on Main Street in Ellicott City (lot D) at 6:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to join us at the kick-off event, attend an event in their community ([list available here](#)) or host their own ([register a party here](#))!

Upcoming Events

Howard County Film Festival

July 25 • 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Clark's Elloak Farm
10500 Clarksville Pike

Featuring local farmers, restaurants, music and an agricultural focused film, this event is free and open to the public. Enjoy fresh produce and tasty food, shop at local artisan booths, and sit down for the feature film, "Forgotten Farms." For more information, visit the [event website](#).

Howard County Fair

Saturday August 5 - Saturday, August 12

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Howard County Fair Grounds, West Friendship
Celebrate summer at the Howard County Fair; ride amusement rides, visit agricultural and livestock exhibits, watch the parade, and purchase locally made arts and crafts. This week is fun for the whole family. Grab some deep fried Oreos and catch a ride on the Ferris wheel! Learn how to square dance! Participate in a pie eating contest! Visit the [Fair website](#) to plan your trip.

The 24th Annual Native American Pow-Wow

Saturday July 22, 2017 • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday July 23, 2017 • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Howard County Fairgrounds

This is an opportunity for the public to interact with Native American dancers, singers, artists and entertainers. Celebrate Native American culture, watch demonstrations, dine on their cuisine, and purchase the finest handmade jewelry and crafts. [Click here](#) for more information.

Shop Local

Supplement your trips to your local grocers by visiting a Farmers' Market. Click [here](#) to visit any (or all) of the Farmers' Markets in the county.



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